

The Chicago man who has two hearts has the advantage of mankind in general. He can have a heart-to-heart talk all by himself.

It may be expected that there will be a material advance in the price of seeds next spring, not because of any scarcity in the reserve, but simply because of Jupiter Pluvius having failed in his duty this season.

The city council of Hamilton, Ontario, has refused to allow the streets to be sprinkled on Sunday, on the ground that it would be a profanation of the Sabbath. In Kansas City men go dry on Sunday, but it was not supposed that a Canadian city would take that far up as precedent to letting their streets go dusty.

If Mrs. Nation was made of the stuff of which martyrs are concocted, she would have reached that stage long ago. She has been slapped in the face by a man from Utica, put in jail, denied hotel accommodations and finally sued for divorce. The mud of which she is made must be muddier than the article usually put into human shape.

The janitors of Chicago have formed a union for the "amelioration of their condition." If they are in as good shape as those of most big cities, we don't comprehend how their condition could be bettered, not even by giving them warranty deeds for the property they supervise, for they run the buildings and have no responsibility in the matter of taxes or incidental expenses.

The war department is in receipt of copies of the platforms of the two leading political parties in the Philippine islands. They show a rare grasp on the part of the Philippine leaders of the present situation as it relates to American control, and indicate surprising liberality and intelligence of views. The two parties in question are the federal party and the conservative party.

Cuba is becoming Americanized with great rapidity. There were only five cases of yellow fever in the entire island at last accounts. Previous to the American occupation the number of cases of yellow fever in Cuba in August could always be numbered by the hundreds. A reduction of the number to five breaks all records for healthfulness in the four centuries of that island's occupation by white men.

England is getting worried at the prospect of having to send the United States some gold in the next few months to meet the trade balance against her. This is a matter which is not creating much interest in this country. The United States is not in need of gold. The United States, in fact, stands ready to lend gold, in any sum required, to England, Germany, or any other old country which needs it, and which will furnish gilt-edged security.

Out of the petrified forests of Arizona may yet be traced the changes of temperature that have undoubtedly taken place in the several zones of the world since the inception of time. These forests were recently examined anew under the direction of the general land office. The silicified logs lie in the greatest abundance with an area of eight square miles in Apache county. In some places they lie more thickly than they could have stood while living as trees, and it is thought they must have been carried there by a swift current of water in the mesozoic age.

The National Good Roads association, in co-operation with the Illinois Central railroad and the department of agriculture, has just completed a very successful good roads campaign in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Kentucky and Illinois. Over twenty miles of earth, gravel and stone roads were built, and several large, enthusiastic conventions held. Thousands of people flocked to see the practical work of the "Good Roads Train" and to participate in the deliberations of the conventions. This work has aroused throughout the country great interest and enthusiasm for better roads.

Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, who has had considerable personal experience, thinks inherited wealth is a hindrance to happiness. "It is as certain death to ambition as cocaine is to morality," says Mr. Vanderbilt. "If a man makes the money, no matter how much, he finds a certain happiness in its possession, for in the desire to increase his business he has a constant use for it, but the man who inherits it has none of this. The first satisfaction, and the greatest, the building of a foundation of a fortune, is denied him. He must labor, if he does labor, simply to add to what may be an oversufficiency."

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

## PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

The war department will dispatch the transport Sumner from San Francisco, on September 12, with school teachers destined for the Philippines and such other passengers as may be connected with the civil insular government.

On the 27th Joaquín Godoy, Chilean minister to Brazil, died suddenly in Rio Janeiro. He was formerly Chilean minister to the United States.

On the 26th Senator and Mrs. Nelson W. Aldrich announced the engagement of their daughter Abby to John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Through Mr. Wm. H. Thompson, of the Boatmen's bank of St. Louis, Wilson McDonald, sculptor, has submitted a design for a great monument to Thomas Jefferson to be erected upon the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase exposition in that city.

On the 25th the will of the late Dowager Empress Frederick of Germany was opened at Homburg, without special ceremony. Her fortune totals 11,000,000 marks. Her six children receive a million marks each. The youngest, Princess Margaret of Hesse (wife of Prince Frederick Charles of Hesse) also gets Frederick's castle, on which the dowager empress spent the whole of the three million marks bequest which she received from the late Countess Gyllera.

Commander-in-Chief Leo Bassier of the Grand Army of the Republic has named the committee on credentials of the coming encampment, in the persons of Adjt.-Gen. Sterrett and Assistant Adjutant-Generals Rodgers, of Missouri; Thatcher, of Connecticut; Kasson, of Ohio, and Robbins, of Colorado and Wyoming. This committee will sit, on September 10 and 11, at the Hollenden hotel in Cleveland, O.

The bequest of \$90,000 to the First Church of Christ (Scientist) of New York city, by Helen C. Brush, who died July 7, 1900, was upheld by Surrogate Fitzgerald in a decision rendered on the 25th. The will was contested on the alleged testamentary incapacity of Miss Brush and undue influence on the part of the agents of the First Church of Christ.

On the 25th John R. Thomas, an architect of New York city, died at Watertown, N. Y., aged 53 years. Mr. Thomas was the architect and sole commissioner for the erection of the state reformatory at Elmira; was architect of the New York city hall of records and of the Eighth regiment armory. He was also the winner of the first prize in the New York city hall competition.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

On the 27th it was semi-officially announced that the directors of the Union Pacific had outlined plans which call for the expenditure of \$1,000,000 on the Southern and Central Pacific systems to be about equally divided between them. This will be chiefly for improvements, in order to put those roads in perfect physical condition.

United States Judge Irwin, at El Reno, Okla., decided in the suits filed against the government by 27 persons claiming to be part Caddo Indians, to secure allotments in the recently opened Kiowa-Comanche country, that the said allotments may be filed on by any person subject to pending litigation in the higher court.

John Andrews was instantly killed by John Romers, who mistook him for a bear and sent a bullet through his heart at short range. The men were with a party enjoying an outing at the Lewis ranch, near Red Lodge, Mont. Andrews was a well-known citizen of Carbon county, and served as postmaster at Red Lodge under the Cleveland administration.

The transport Buford will sail from Manila, September 5, with troops to be stationed at military posts in the east.

On the 27th the sale of town lots in the town of Anadarko, Okla., closed. The whole number of lots sold was 1,126, and the total amount realized was over \$185,000.

On the 25th the United States transport Hancock arrived at San Francisco, from Manila, 22 days out. She brought 1,200 soldiers and 62 cabin passengers. One death occurred during the voyage.

The Nebraska City (Neb.) Daily Tribune has been sold to the Morton Printing Co., of which J. Sterling Morton, ex-secretary of agriculture, is the head, and will be edited by him. Mr. Morton is also editor of the Conservative, a weekly paper, and has been connected with other periodicals at different times for 20 years.

Nearly two scores of cases against the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., in connection with the wreck of the steamer Islander, have been instituted for damages by loss of life and property and injury to health. The cases will be presented in the United States court at Seattle, Wash., which is presumed to have jurisdiction. The cases involve only those who were citizens or natives of the United States.

Postmaster General Smith has issued a general order granting ten days' leave of absence to all postmasters of the first class who may desire to attend the postmasters' convention to be held in Atlantic City, N. J., from the 15th to the 27th of September.

On the 27th the Ranger sailed from Acapulco for Panama, where she will watch over American interests during the revolutionary troubles.

## CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

Capt. Geo. P. Hearn, Ninth infantry, has been ordered before a retiring board in Washington city. For about two years past Capt. Hearn has been detailed as chief of forestry in the Philippines, and has made several interesting and important reports to the war department. He is suffering from a disability that disqualifies him for military duty, but he may be placed in charge of the forestry division as a retired army officer.

The naval hospital ship Solace arrived at San Francisco, on the 29th, from Manila, via Guam and Honolulu. The vessel brought a number of passengers, among them the wives and children of naval officers. The Solace is to be laid up for repairs at Mare Island. She has been in service for several years, and has made a number of trips between here and the Philippines.

The Northern Pacific railroad has decided to build two immense steamships for the Pacific and China trade of about the same size as those now building at New London, Conn., for the Great Northern railway. They will be of 28,000 tons, or three times the capacity of an average ocean freighter.

The Indiana state board of charities, on the 29th, filed a report with the governor on the investigation of the insane hospitals to ascertain if any sane persons are deprived of their freedom. The report says no such persons are confined and have not been within the last 18 months.

A call has been issued for a convention in Guthrie, October 12 next, of all persons in Oklahoma named Smith, to effect an organization for annual reunions. It is estimated that there are 2,000 Smiths in the territory.

The interior department has been advised of the completion of the sale of town lots in the town of Hobart, in the newly-created part of Oklahoma. The aggregate amount paid for all the lots sold was \$132,000.

The navy department has awarded to Private C. Doman, of the Marine corps, a life-saving medal for the rescue from drowning of Private W. H. Gibson, also a marine at Olongapo, P. I., in June last.

Johann Nagy, an anarchist, has been arrested at Debreesin. The police found in his possession letters threatening the life of Emperor Francis Joseph.

## CURRENT NEWS ITEMS.

A mad dog at Lone Star, Tex., bit seven people before being killed.

The Mexican War Veterans' association of Missouri will convene at Independence on September 12.

Dan and Bradstreet report unusually heavy orders for fall and winter goods from merchants in the west and southwest.

Mrs. Minna Frost, of Covington, Ky., is seeking her five grandchildren, to divide among them an estate of 600 acres.

Frederick Buessi committed suicide at St. Joseph, Mo., by drinking carbolic acid. He was despondent over financial losses.

The tenth annual session of the Concatenated Order of Ho-o Hoo has been called to meet at Norfolk, Va., September 9.

Lewis Pieper, aged 17, a reporter for the Daily Gem City, was drowned while bathing in the river at Fort Madison, Ia.

Rosa Lee Johnson, aged 10, arrested for theft, jumped from the second story of the courthouse at Houston, Tex., and sustained fatal injuries.

William Percell shot and killed his father, Massy Percell, near Churches post office, Tenn. In the darkness he mistook his father for a dog.

The body of Theodore Brueggeman, a farm hand, was found hanging in the hayloft of Mrs. Klingler's barn at Morrison, Ill.

Plans for a congress of the uncivilized tribes of the earth are recommended by the St. Louis World's fair committee on ethnology and anthropology.

Charles M. Kurtz has been appointed assistant chief of the department of fine arts for the Louisiana purchase exposition.

Three boys exploring a cave near Eldon, Mo., lost their way and wandered about for three hours until rescued by a searching party.

Miss Mattie Beal, who won the second prize in the Oklahoma land lottery, has returned to her position as telephone girl at Wichita, Kas., until she takes possession of her property, on February 1.

A large barn of James Hunt, of Carson, Ill., was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, together with ten tons of hay, a cow and farm implements.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

**Stone a Candidate for the Senate.** "Ex-Gov. Stone is not a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1904. Ex-Gov. Stone is a candidate for the United States senatorship, and nothing else.

"You can say that, regardless of all announcements to the contrary, and you can also say that he will be the next United States senator from Missouri. He is the only man in the race having a show of election."—[Interview with Moses C. Wetmore, in St. Louis Republic, August 24.

## Recent Deaths.

Mrs. G. W. Barnes, widow of G. W. Barnes, the banker, at Memphis, Scotland county.

Eli Stevens, at Ladonia, aged 82. "Aunt" Jane Stark, a negress, who, it is claimed, was 105 years old, at Warrensburg.

William Butts, one of the pioneers of Jackson county, at his home, near Kansas City, aged 85.

I. E. McDowell, at Appleton City, of Bright's disease.

Mrs. R. F. Sliffe, aged 43, at Adrian, of consumption.

## Henry Rogers Convicted.

In the Camden county court at Linn Creek, Henry Rogers was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary for the murder of Jesse G. Walters, on August 13, 1900. The murder was witnessed by about a dozen people. Rogers beat his victim to death with a club. The aged mother of Rogers was present at the trial, and was greatly distressed at the punishment put upon her son.

## Woman Murdered by a Negro.

Miss Mary Henderson, aged 42, who made her home with Mrs. W. C. Hyatt, her twin sister, on a farm in Columbus township, 16 miles northwest of Warrensburg, was murdered by Ross Francis, a negro. She was alone. The negro had been brought up on the farm, and was regarded as trustworthy. Francis fled, but was being pursued by hundreds of men.

## Murder at Mexico.

Lafayette Newkirk, a retired farmer, was killed in Mexico by an unknown party. He was walking west on Monroe street, and was within a block of his home when he was met by a man who fired pointblank in his face. Newkirk, according to eye witnesses, fell forward and the murderer fired five more shots into the back of his head. He died instantly.

## Indicted for Murder.

Lind Reynolds and wife, of Linn, accused of killing an orphan child, aged four years, which they procured from the Christian orphans' home in St. Louis and adopted as their own, were indicted by the grand jury for murder in the second degree and put under a bond of \$2,500 each.

## Killed in a Fight.

Lawrence Hogg was killed at Hogg's college, Unionville, in a fight with Avery Pike. Hogg and a younger brother of Pike were fighting when the matter was taken up by the older Pike. Pike threw Hogg to the ground, breaking his neck.

## Passed Counterfeit Money.

Frank Todd was arraigned before United States Commissioner Jeffries, at Clinton, charged with passing counterfeit money. He was bound over to await the November federal grand jury at Kansas City.

## Will Meet at Perte Springs.

The annual reunion of the Twenty-seventh Missouri volunteers, the Seventh M. S. M., Thirtieth Missouri veterans and Foster's battalion will be held at Perte Springs, September 4, 5 and 6.

## Fell From a Train.

Dan J. Craig, aged 28, of Mount Pleasant, Ia., was found dead a short distance east of Monroe City. He had fallen or was thrown from a west-bound Burlington train.

## Held for Federal Grand Jury.

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## British Money for Mules.

British agents have expended \$5,000,000 in Kansas City for mules since the war in South Africa began. The animals have come from Missouri and Kansas.

## While on a Visit.

Louis Hellen, aged 78, a resident of Springfield, while on a visit to friends in St. Joseph, was run down by a switch engine and fatally injured.

## Killed a Girl.

At Ash Hill, Butler county, Luther Baggett, aged 19, shot and killed Mary Keith, aged 15, because she was taking corn from his father's field.

## Died from His Injuries.

Charles Eckstorm, a Frisco freight conductor, who was assaulted and beaten by an unknown man at Rogers, Ark., died at Springfield.

## CONDITIONS IN MISSOURI.

**Half a Corn Crop Promised in Only Most Favored Sections—Other Crops.**

The United States department of agriculture climate and crop bulletin of the weather bureau, Missouri section, issued August 27, said:

The average temperature for the week just closed has been from 1 to 7 degrees above normal throughout the state, the excess being greatest in the southwestern, and least in the southeastern section. The percentage of sunshine has also been above the normal. There was a deficiency in precipitation except in a few localities in the southeast, where the fall ranged from half an inch to over three inches, and in a few counties in the western section where it was about normal. Throughout the greater part of the central and north-eastern sections practically no rain fell during the week.

Late corn is improving somewhat in those localities in the western and southeastern sections where the rainfall has been sufficient, but over the balance of the state the crop continues to deteriorate. In a few localities corn is filling well, but most correspondents report that the ears are imperfect, and in some cases have scarcely any grain on the cob. In the northern part of the state, and in a few counties in the southeastern section from one-fourth to one-half of an average crop is promised, but in the other sections of the state, especially in the central, and nearly all of the southern counties, the prospect varies from one-tenth to one-fourth of an average yield, while in a few localities the crop is practically a failure.

Cotton in the southeastern counties is opening and, while not showing much improvement, is holding its own.

Fall plowing is progressing, being considerably over half completed, except in a few counties where but little has yet been done owing to the ground being too hard and cloddy. The soil, though dry, is generally in fair condition.

Pastures are improving in some of the western and southeastern counties, but elsewhere they are generally brown and bare.

Stock water continues scarce. A light to fair crop of clover seed is promised in portions of the northwestern and southeastern sections, but over the balance of the state the yield will be practically a failure.

Apples and peaches have not improved except in portions of the western, southwestern and southeastern sections, where some improvement over the condition of last week was noticed.

## Deserved Preferment.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The president has appointed Joseph Abreu, a Filipino, an assistant in the office of the division of insular affairs in the war department. Mr. Abreu came to his country about a year ago and after taking a course at the Columbian law school in Washington, took the summer course at Cornell university. He will be given charge of work relating to the Philippines in the division over which Col. Edwards presides.

## Death of a Noted Architect.

Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 29.—John R. Thomas, an architect of New York city, died here, yesterday, aged 53 years. Mr. Thomas was the architect and sole commissioner for the erection of the state reformatory at Elmira, and was architect of the New York city hall of records and of the Eighth regiment armory, and was the winner of the first prize in the New York city hall competition.

## Charged With Manslaughter.

St. Louis, Aug. 29.—Assistant Prosecutor Johnson has issued a warrant against Supt. John Grant of the St. Louis Transit Co., charging manslaughter in the fourth degree, in connection with the killing of Mrs. Annie Lacey. It is held that the superintendent is responsible for the time schedule, under which the car that killed Mrs. Lacey was running at an unlawful speed.

## The Pros and Cons.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The attorney general yesterday received a telegram signed by about fifty attorneys of Honolulu, reiterating the charges made against Judge Humphreys, and asking for his removal. Tuesday he received a telegram signed by about twenty-five members of the Honolulu bar expressing their entire confidence in Judge Humphreys and asking that he be retained in his office.

## To Test the Koch Theory.

Paris, Aug. 29.—Dr. Koch has announced that he will inoculate Dr. Grams with bovine tuberculosis to test the theory that human and bovine tuberculosis have nothing to do with each other and that men can not catch the disease from cattle.

## The Training Ship Buffalo.

Greenock, Scotland, Aug. 29.—The United States training ship Buffalo, Commander Charles T. Hutchins commanding, which sailed from New York July 17 on a cruise, has arrived here.